FCI godowns in Bihar

†1224. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of districts in Bihar that have FCI godowns and how many districts do not have such godowrts;

(b) whether Government have formulating any scheme for setting up FCI godowns in the districts which do not have any godowns;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA): (a) In the State of Bihar, out of a total of 38 Revenue Districts, 29 Revenue Districts have Food Corporation of India (FCI) storage godowns (owned and hired).

(b) to (d) Godowns are hired on the basis of total requirement of storage space and available storage facilities owned by the FCI at the particular place.

3 lakh M.T. capacity has been allocated by the Government of India for construction of godowns under the Seven Years Guarantee Scheme, through the Central Warehousing Corporation/State Warehousing Corporation in Bihar. This covers all the nine Revenue Districts which do not have the FCI storage godowns.

Bacteria in Packaged Water

1225. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that samples obtained from prominent manufacturers of packaged distilled water contain an alarming rate of bacteria;

(b) whether according to press report titled "Study finds faecal bacteria in packaged water" and recent random survey conducted by the concerned authorities on sample bottles from six companies have revealed to have faecal coliform in their water; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.